

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE 14TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Houston Division

Plaintiff's Name and ID Number Ortega, Raphael
03192017

Place of confinement Harris County Jail

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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V.

MAR 21 2024

Defendant's Name and Address Sheriff's Office
Gonzalez 1200 Baker St Houston, TX 77002

Nathan Ochener, Clerk of Court

Defendant's Name and Address Harris County
Sheriff's Office 1200 Baker St Houston, TX
77002

I. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS:

A. Have you filed any other lawsuit in state or federal
court relating to your imprisonment? ☒ YES ☐ NOB IF your answer to "A" is "yes", describe each lawsuit
in the space below. (If there is more than one law
suit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper
giving the same information.)

1. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: OCT 2023

2. Parties to previous lawsuit:

Plaintiff(s) Harris County Jail inmates

Defendant(s) Harris County Magistrate, Harris County District

attorney office, City of Houston, State of Texas
Public Defenders office, various court appointed attorneys

3-7 N/A

II. PLACE OF PRESENT CONFINEMENT
Harris County Jail

EXHAUSTION OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

Have you exhausted all steps of the institutional grievance procedure? ☒ YES - NO

Attach a copy of your final step of the grievance procedure with the response supplied by the institution

IV. PARTIES TO THIS SUIT:

A. Name and address of plaintiff: Ortega, Raphael
7803 ROCKHILL ST Houston, TX 77061

B. Full name of each defendant, his official position, his place of employment, and his full mailing address.

Defendant #1: Sheriff ED Gonzalez,
Harris County Sheriffs Office Sheriff, Harris
County Sheriffs Office, 1200 Baker ST Houston
TX 77002

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you. Religious discrimination and or persecution, violation of rights to freedom of speech, press, and religion 1st amendment rights.

Defendant #2: Harris County Sheriff's Office, local law enforcement agency, 1200 Baker ST Houston, TX 77002.

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you. Religious discrimination and or persecution, violation of rights to freedom of speech, press, and religion 1st amendment rights.

V. STATEMENT OF CLAIM:

The Harris County Sheriff's Office stopped allowing books into the jail, they do not provide news paper's, only provide Christian and Islamic reading material from a small selection, don't have any religious services, throw away religious reading material for unwarranted reasons during shake downs, the guards have interrupted prayer numerous times for unnecessary reasons.

VI. RELIEF:

A. State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no

Cases or Statutes.

I want to be able to express my religion freely without prejudice and bias as well as have access to medical and press of my choosing which all fall under my 1st amendment rights.

VII. GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. State, in complete form, all names you have ever used or been known by including any and all aliases.

Raphael Ortega (legal name) Andrew Garcia, Johnny Graves, Ralph Orton

B. List all TDCJ-CID identification numbers you have ever been assigned and all other state or federal prison or FBI numbers ever assigned to you.

Harris County SPN: 03192017

VIII. SANCTIONS:

A. Have you been sanctioned by any court as a result of any lawsuit you have filed? YES & NO

PLAINTIFF'S DECLARATIONS

1. I declare under penalty of perjury all facts presented in this Complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct.

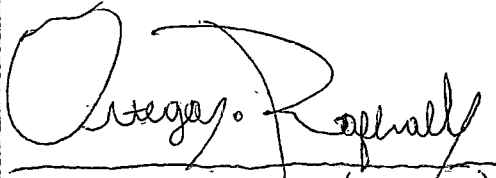
2. I understand, if I am released or transferred, it is my responsibility to keep the court informed of my current mailing address and failure to do so may result in dismissal of this lawsuit.

3. I understand I must exhaust all available administrative remedies prior to filing this lawsuit.

4. I understand I am prohibited from bringing an informal ~~papers~~ lawsuit if I have brought three or more civil actions or appeals (from a judgment in a civil action) in a court of the United States while incarcerated or detained in any facility, which lawsuits were dismissed on the ground they were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless I am under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

5. I understand even if I am allowed to proceed without prepayment of cost, I am responsible for the entire filing fee and cost assessed by the court, which shall be deducted in accordance with the law from my inmate trust fund account by my custodian until the filing fee is paid.

Signed this 12th Day of March, 2024


(signature of plaintiff)

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL

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SPN 03162061 Cell 0N2A
Street 1200 Bowker
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002



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